

Over the Border

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CHAPTER XXVIII.

HOWEVER graceful the Frenchman might be on foot, and no one denied his elegance of bearing, he was but an amateur on horseback, and when his steed unexpectedly plunged forward he relinquished the reins and grasped the mane. For one brief moment the attention of the troop was diverted toward the unexplained antics of the maddened horse and the imminent overthrow of its rider. If it had been the horse of Armstrong that had begun these antics, his guards would have been instantly on the alert for an attempted escape, but at the very moment their eyes should have been on the Scot their attention was withdrawn. Armstrong did not laugh, but thrusting back his knife, whipped out his sword and struck De Courcy's horse twice with the broad of it. His own steed leaped forward under the prick of the spur, and before the colonel could give a word of command the two had disappeared in the fog ahead. Even then the colonel, who was the only man that had his wits about him, did not think there was the least chance of escape, for he heard the troop coming toward him, and Armstrong must run directly into it. He rose in his stirrups to give the alarm to those ahead, when all heard a ringing shout: "Charge, cavaliers! God save the king! Charge!"

Out of the fog came a spattering fire, then a volley. Two horses and three men went down, while the other troopers hastily unslinging their carbines and fired down the street without waiting for the word of command.

"Stop, you fools!" yelled the colonel. "You are shooting your own men." Then to the oncomers he roared a like warning, which was drowned in another volley. The Lichfield men were not to be taken in, even if they had heard the warning. With their own eyes they had seen two cavaliers burst upon them out of the fog with a strident cry for the king. De Courcy, coming first, they concentrated upon him, and he went down before them. Armstrong, swinging his sword, snatching right and left, bellowing like a fiend in true cavalier style, a very Prince Rupert came again, dashed at the weakest spot, and his impetuosity carried all before him. "Never mind him!" cried the leader as some would have pursued. "Fire, and break their charge!" And fire they did right stoutly until the maddened officer, with a bravery that scorned the bullets around him, galloped along their front, waving his sword and commanding them to stop.

"You are killing your own men!" There are no royalists, but an interfering fool of a Frenchman and an escaped Scot. Back to Lichfield! Nevertheless a battle is not quelled at a word, and the brave colonel pressed through among them and galloped in pursuit of his late prisoner.

Once clear of the clash Armstrong was not sparing of a horse that belonged to some one else. At great risk to his neck he raced through the blind fog, sword in hand, ready for further opposition should he meet it. He emerged from the fog with a suddenness that startled him. The sun had set, and there, barely a mile away, stood out against the darkening sky the great red bulk of the cathedral with its broken towers and the little town huddled at its feet. At the same moment he became aware that some one was thundering after him, and again he dug the cruel spurs into the laboring horse.

A glance over his shoulder showed him the colonel breaking through the bank of fog, and he thought of turning and fighting him on the run, but the sound of firing had ceased, and he knew the colonel would prove a stouter combatant than the Frenchman, so he hurried on. Aside from this, Lichfield had been roused by the sound of the guns, and he saw the long, narrow street that lay between him and the cathedral becoming alive with pikemen and knew he would have his work cut out for him if he was to get safely through the town. As soon as he came within earshot he shouted to them:

"Barricade the street! The king is upon us. I have just escaped. Our men are on the retreat. Defend the town to the south. Barricade! Barricade!" Thus he clattered through Lichfield, shouting.

The soldiers began the running out of carts and whatever other obstructions they could lay their hands upon to make the way difficult for the oncoming colonel, who swore as loudly at their stupidity as if he were the king's own.

"What are you about, you accursed clodhoppers? Don't you know a king's man when you see one? Leave that rubbish and follow me to the cathedral."

Armstrong's horse, nearly done, staggered over the bridge and up the slight incline that led to the cathedral precincts. Across the grounds surrounding the church had been raised a great earthwork, and the battered west front of the sacred building showed that war had been no respecter of sculptured beauty. A lone pikeman paced

up and down before the cathedral door, but paused as he saw this impetuous rider, whose horse had stumbled and fallen at the top of the rubbish heap.

"What do you there?" shouted Armstrong, springing nimbly from his fallen horse. "Didn't you hear the firing? Down to the street and help your comrades! The town is attacked! Run!"

"I was told to stand here," objected the bewildered guard.

"Run, confound you! Do you question the word of an officer?"

The man, trailing his pike, ran and disappeared down the street.

"Frances, Frances, are you within? Open the small door. It is I, Armstrong."

"Yes, yes; I knew you would come," he heard her say, and then followed the welcome rattle of the bolts. But they must be speedily drawn if they were to clear the way for a man hard pressed. Over the barricade surged a wave of pikemen, two-score or more, the mounted colonel behind them urging them on with pungent oaths.

"Sanctuary! Sanctuary!" shouted Armstrong, raising his sword aloft, standing under the arched doorway, steadfast as one of the stone knights beside him.

In spite of the cursing of the colonel, in spite of the battered condition of the great church, in spite of the deadening influence of the war, the cry of "Sanctuary" struck home to many of the hearts there opposed to the fugitive, and the pike topped crest of the human wave paused for one brief instant, yet it was enough. Before the wave broke and fell the small door gave and swung inward. As the pikes rattled against it Armstrong had the bars and bolts in their places again.

"Break down that door!" he heard the colonel roar outside, while the impetuous William clasped the girl in his arms and kissed her.

"Lassie, I'm glad to meet you again, although it's just dark enough in this place for the seeing of any one."

The young woman shook herself free. "We wasted too much time at that before. Let it be a lesson to us. This place is a stable. Our horses are well fed, and the saddles are still on them."

"But is there a way out?"

"Yes; a small door in the northeast corner. Come."

"It will be guarded surely."

"No. I think they wanted me to escape, for they went out that way after barring the front door. But they didn't think you would be with me when I took my leave. Come quickly or they will be round to it from the front."

The two made their way to the farther end of the cathedral, where the horses were stalled. The vast nave was dark and would soon be black as a collar until the moon rose. It was used as a military storehouse, as a stable, and as a dormitory for troops when the accommodation in the town was overtaxed. As Armstrong and his companion stumbled over obstructions toward the horses, the spacious chamber rang with the impact of timber against the stubborn doors.

Frances, knowing the geography of the place, led the way with her horse, and Armstrong followed with his. Once outside, there was more light than he wished for, but their way to the rear was clear, and, mounting, he took the lead, crossing an alpine ridge which had done duty during the siege, and taking a somewhat terrifying leap down to the greensward of the field at the back of the cathedral. Then they ran north through a slight valley and for the moment were safe from observation.

(To Be Continued.)

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Mrs. B. W. Evans, Charwater, Kan., writes: "My husband lay sick for three months. The doctors said he had quick consumption. We procured a bottle of Ballard's Horehound Syrup, and it cured him. That was six years ago and since then we have always kept a bottle in the house. We cannot do without it. For coughs and colds it has no equal." 25c, 50c and \$1.00. Sold by DuBois, Kolb & Co., Paducah, Ky.

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MUCH PRAISE.

Miss Bagby's Part in "The Simple Life" Excellently Played.

"The Simple Life" Co. in which Miss Adeline Bagby of this city, is winning much praise through all the largest cities of the south, appeared at the Vendome theater, Nashville, Monday night of this week and the Nashville American speaking of the performance says:

"The interest of the audience centered in Miss Adeline Bagby, stenographer. Miss Bagby is known in Nashville and has a number of relatives here, and those who saw her at the Vendome were not disappointed in her. Her's is not one of the forward parts but she appears to splendid advantage in the first act. Later she makes a bit when renewing relations with her husband from whom she has been separated for three years. With a prominent part Miss Bagby would have no difficulty in winning favor and even as "Escher Thorne" she proves her qualities distinctly."

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THE GUN CLUB.

Delegates to Go to Hopkinsville in April.

Members of the local gun club will go to Hopkinsville in April to attend a big tournament. The Hopkinsville New Era says:

"Charles O. Prowse, captain of the local gun club, Tuesday night sent a telegram to Elmer E. Shaner, of Pittsburg, Pa., definitely accepting the proposition made by the International Association of Trap Shooters for a big gun tournament to be held in this city April 26 and 27 under the auspices of the local club and the association. This promises to be one of the biggest events of this nature ever held in this state, and a large crowd of both professional and amateur shooters, as well as enthusiasts over this form of sport, are expected to be in attendance."

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A small blaze in the roof of Mr. J. R. Blandford's residence near Sixth and Willie streets resulted in the fire departments being called out about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The damage was slight.

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NEWS OF THE RIVERS.

Gauge today 23.9, a rise of nine-tenths since yesterday morning. The weather is clear and cooler, with indications of more water.

The Scovill arrived last evening from Mound City, where she had been on the ways, and left today for Nashville this morning. Pilot Hugh Crouch took her up, and will meet his boat, the Joe Fowler, at Evansville Monday.

The Victor leaves tomorrow for Tennessee river.

The Charles Hook leaves this evening for Cumberland river.

The Kentucky is due from Tennessee river.

The Clyde left last evening for Tennessee river with a good trip.

Tons of freight are said to be waiting along the banks of the Ohio between Paducah and Evansville. There has been no boat for five weeks.

Yesterday's Globe-Democrat says that the St. Louis and Tennessee River Packet company will send out the City of Savannah Saturday.

The Butterfield cleared last night for Nashville, several hours behind her schedule.

The Dick Fowler had a good trip to Cairo today. It is possible an excursion will be run to Paducah from Cairo March 9th to bring up those who desire to attend Richard Mansfield's performance.

The Willett arrived last night from Cairo.

The hull of the Mail Line wharft-boat of Evansville, wrecked by the ice and abandoned by the owners, is expected to pass down. It passed Henderson yesterday.

Mr. Fred Schuelle, of the towboat Buckham, after a visit to his sister, Mrs. Percy Jordan, has gone to the Wabash river to join his boat.

THE DOCTORS.

Interesting Meeting Was Held With Dr. B. B. Griffith.

The McCracken County Medical society met last night in the office of Dr. B. B. Griffith with an excellent attendance.

A paper on "Care of the new-born babe," was read by Dr. Griffith. Dr. David Todd Stuart was on the program for a paper but was unable to attend.

Several interesting cases were reported and discussed and the meeting was one of the most successful held in sometime. The society will meet again two weeks from last night with Dr. J. T. Reddick, Drs. Reddick and J. G. Brooks will read papers.

NEW STATE AGENT.

John W. Hutchen, of Louisville, Goes With the Home Society.

John W. Hutchen, a young newspaper man of Louisville, has become special agent for the Kentucky Children's Home Society.

In the capacity of agent for the Home Society he will travel over the state and seek out indigent children, whom he will take to the society's home in Louisville until suitable homes can be found for them.

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What People Say of the Shoffner's Sure Cure.

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New Orleans, account Mardi Gras, March 1st to 6th, round trip \$15.65, good returning until March 11th, with privilege of extension until March 25th, by depositing ticket and paying 50 cents additional.

California Points—One-way second class daily until May 15th, \$33.00. Helena, Mont., \$31.30.

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